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**SUBJECT**

#### FURTHER ON OWNED DEATH

... IN VARIOUS BACKGROUND, WE SHOULD ADD THAT THE DESPITE  
SPECULATION OF BOTH THE LEFT-WING OR CLEVERLY HAVING SPONSORS OF THE  
MURDERS, THERE IS NO SPECIAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES  
SURROUNDING OQUELI'S AND RECORES' DEATHS NOR OF PROBABLE GUILTYABILITY.  
YOU MAY PASS ALONG TO [REDACTED] THE DEPARTMENT  
OF STATE'S STATEMENT TAKEN FROM THE 106 MARCH 1973 PAPER - STATE  
01-1725 WHICH CONDEMN THE KILLINGS OF GILDA FUERAS AND SECTOR OQUELI  
IN THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE TERMS. SUCH POLITICAL KILLINGS ARE AN  
OUTRAGEOUS VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS. THEY ARE AN ATTEMPT TO MAKE  
PEACEFUL POLITICAL ACTIVITY IMPOSSIBLE AND ROLL BACK THE GAINS  
DEMOCRACY HAS MADE IN THE REGION IN RECENT YEARS. OUR EMBASSY IN  
GUATEMALA HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF GUATEMALA.  
WE HAVE URGED IN THE STRONGEST TERMS THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF  
GUATEMALA UNDERTAKE AN IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION THROUGH A PROFESSIONAL  
INVESTIGATION OF THESE MURDERS SO THAT HIGH RESPONSIBILITY CAN BE  
PUT ON THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED. WE DO NOT SEE  
NO NUMBER OF UNQUALIFIED POLITICAL OR POLICE OFFICERS WHO CAN  
OVERSEE OUR INVESTIGATION. THIS IS A CRIMINAL ACT WHICH IS AN  
ACTUAL PRIOR OF POLITICAL VIOLENCE AND HUMANITARIAN HAS RAISED IT  
AS THE PRESIDENT OF GUATEMALA HAS ASSUMED IT THAT HE SHOULD PURSUE  
AN AGREESIVE INVESTIGATION AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMMISSION  
FOLLOWED THIS AMBASSADORIAL INITIATIVE.

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